#### RECOMMENDATIONS

## Addressing China's Currency Manipulation

- China's recent exchange rate policy reforms have to date resulted in only a 2.1 percent appreciation of the renminbi (RMB) against the U.S. dollar, leaving the RMB highly undervalued. In the absence of immediate steps to allow the RMB to appreciate by at least 25 percent against the U.S. dollar or a transparent, tradeweighted basket of international currencies, the Commission recommends that Congress pursue a four-track policy to move China to take appropriate action to revalue the RMB:
  - —Congress should press the Administration to file a WTO dispute regarding China's exchange rate practices. These prac-

- tices continue to violate a number of its WTO and IMF membership obligations, including the WTO prohibition on export subsidies and the IMF proscription of currency manipulation. Congress should press the Administration to respond to China's violation of its international obligations by working with U.S. trading partners to bring to bear on China the mechanisms of all relevant international institutions.
- —Congress should consider imposing an immediate, across-theboard tariff on Chinese imports at the level determined necessary to gain prompt action by China to strengthen significantly the value of the RMB. The United States can justify such an action under WTO Article XXI, which allows members to take necessary actions to protect their national security. China's undervalued currency has contributed to a loss of U.S. manufacturing, which is a national security concern for the United States.
- —Congress should reduce the ability of the Treasury Department to use technical definitions to avoid classifying China as a currency manipulator by amending the 1988 Omnibus Trade Act to (i) include a clear definition of currency manipulation, and (ii) eliminate the requirement that a country must be running a material global trade surplus in order for the Secretary of the Treasury to determine that the country is manipulating its currency to gain a trade advantage.
- —Congress should urge the Treasury Department to maintain a high level of pressure on China to take more significant actions expeditiously to revalue its currency and, if such actions are not forthcoming by the time Treasury issues its next exchange rate report, to designate China as a currency manipulator and initiate bilateral and IMF negotiations.

#### Challenging China's IPR Violations

• The Commission recommends that Congress support USTR in taking immediate action under U.S. law and in international venues pertaining to China's violation of IPR obligations, particularly China's failure to meet the requisite standards of effective enforcement, including criminal enforcement, explicitly imposed by the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement.

### Enhancing U.S. Trade Remedies

- The Commission recommends that Congress enact legislation to make countervailing duties applicable to non-market economies.
- The Commission recommends that Congress facilitate the use of the Section 421 China-specific safeguard negotiated as part of China's WTO accession. Congress should consider authorizing compensation to petitioners in the Section 421 safeguard process for legal fees incurred in cases where the ITC finds that market disruption has occurred but the President has denied relief. Congress should also consider eliminating presidential discretion in the application of relief through Section 421 petitions or limiting

discretion to the consideration of non-economic national security factors.

- The Commission recommends that Congress repeal the new shipper bonding privilege that has allowed many importers of Chinese goods to avoid payment of antidumping duties. Importers of goods subject to antidumping or countervailing duties should be required to deposit in cash the amount of any estimated applicable duty.
- The Commission recommends that Congress maintain the Continued Dumping and Subsidies Offset Act of 2000 (CDSOA), notwithstanding the WTO determination that it is inconsistent with the WTO Agreement. Congress should press the Administration to seek explicit recognition of the existing right of WTO Members to distribute monies collected from antidumping and countervailing duties during the Doha Round negotiations and the review of the WTO's dispute resolution mechanism.

Countering China's Government Subsidies and Discriminatory Trade Practices

- The Commission recommends that Congress direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to investigate China's system of government subsidies for manufacturing, including tax incentives, preferential access to credit and capital from financial institutions owned or influenced by the state, subsidized utilities, and investment conditions requiring technology transfers. The investigation should focus in particular on the extent to which state-owned or state-invested banks in China provide loans to state-owned, state-invested, and other domestic industries on a noncommercial, preferential basis. The results of this investigation should be provided in a report to Congress that assesses whether any of these practices may be actionable subsidies under the WTO and lays out specific steps the U.S. government can take to address these practices.
- The Commission recommends that Congress urge USTR to investigate the strength of potential cases against Chinese subsidies categorized as actionable, and to file WTO disputes concerning any subsidies that meet WTO definitions for prohibited subsidies. The For example, scruting is warranted regarding China's provision of extensive subsidies for the expansion of its domestic paper products industry, which, combined with the elimination of tariffs on raw logs and high-grade paper machines and the maintenance or increase of tariffs on imports of finished wood products, supports the expansion of China's wood and paper products manufacturing industry at the expense of its trading partners' industries.

#### Retaining China's Non-Market Economy Status

• The Commission recommends that Congress require that the Department of Commerce obtain Congressional approval before implementing any determination that China has achieved market economy status as a country or for one or more sectors. Congress should ensure that China continues to be treated as a non-mar-

ket economy in the application of antidumping and countervailing duties through 2016, as is explicitly permitted by China's WTO accession agreement, unless China clearly meets the statutory criteria for market economy status.

Evaluating WTO Decisions and Conducting Future Trade Negotiations

• Many areas of China's WTO accession agreement impose dramatically unequal tariffs on comparable categories of Chinese and U.S. goods. China has developed at a pace far faster than was envisioned when its WTO accession was approved and these unequal tariff rates now heavily disadvantage U.S. exporters, accelerate import competition in the U.S. market, and are no longer supportable. The Commission recommends that Congress direct USTR to examine the potential for rectifying this situation as part of the Doha Round negotiations.

### Bolstering U.S. Competitiveness

- The Commission recommends that Congress direct the Commerce Department to investigate ways to diminish the transfer of technology to China that is vital to U.S. national security and economic competitiveness by way of production transfers required to facilitate sales (offsets), particularly in the aerospace field. The investigation should identify the extent to which such transfers are required by Chinese government rules or regulations for commercial sales and therefore are potentially WTO inconsistent. Further, the Commission recommends that Congress encourage the Administration to enter into negotiations with the European Union aimed at reaching an agreement to take a united approach in countering efforts by China to explicitly or implicitly require production offsets as a condition of its aircraft purchases.
- The Commission recommends that Congress convene a summit of industry and labor representatives from the U.S. textile and apparel industries and senior executive branch officials to assess the potential impact and develop appropriate policy responses to the crisis affecting these industries. Among the issues to be examined should be how termination of the China textile safeguard under U.S. trade law at the end of 2008 will accelerate current trends, long-term implications of post-2008 Chinese sourcing trends, and the implications for the United States of shifts in textile and apparel production.
- The Commission recommends that Congress develop a long-term national competitiveness strategy with the goal of maintaining and enhancing the U.S. standard of living, economic and technological vitality, and strength in industries critical to national security and economic security. The strategy should include the education and training of a workforce capable of responding to the rapid changes of a globalized economy. It should create policy, tax, and economic environments that encourage domestic production leading to the retention and expansion of higher value-added jobs in the United States. Finally, it should recog-

- nize specific industries that are vital to national or economic security, and ensure that a sufficient U.S. industry remains intact in those sectors.
- The Commission recommends that Congress revise U.S. international tax policy to remove incentives for U.S. firms to shift production out of the country.

### Mandating Corporate Reporting

- The Commission recommends that Congress establish and fund a federally mandated corporate reporting system to gather sufficient data to provide a comprehensive understanding of the trade and investment relationship with China. Under such a system:
  - —U.S. firms should be required to report to the Commerce Department their investments in China, the shift of production capacity and jobs resulting from these investments, both from within the United States to overseas and from one overseas location to another, and their contracting relationships with Chinese firms.
  - —The Commerce Department should maintain an authoritative account of U.S. firms' R&D investments in China and a comprehensive assessment of their activities including any technology transfers, offsets, or R&D cooperation agreed to as part of the investment.

#### Supporting Dislocated Workers

• The Commission recommends that Congress fund information sessions and a public awareness campaign to inform laid-off workers about existing and newly established programs such as Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). Further, many workers adversely affected by trade are still excluded from receiving TAA assistance. Eligibility for TAA should be expanded to cover the broad array of workers adversely affected by trade with China, including those in the service sector and others who have not traditionally been covered. Funding should be increased to ensure that all eligible workers are able to participate fully.

## Coordinating with the European Union and Japan on China Trade and Security Matters

- The Commission recommends that Congress work with the Administration to undertake more active efforts to coordinate with the EU, Japan, and other interested nations as appropriate to address mutual trade- and security-related concerns with China. Among these areas should be the following:
  - —European governments and Japan share U.S. concerns about continuing large-scale IPR violations in China. Brussels, Tokyo, and Washington should coordinate their strategies on improving Chinese IPR compliance, particularly through joint action in the WTO.
  - —U.S., EU, and Japanese officials should work together within the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the WTO, and other appropriate for to move China toward a more meaningful up-

- ward revaluation of the Chinese RMB that is more reflective of current economic realities.
- —U.S., EU, and Japanese officials should work to enhance the effectiveness of the TRM within the WTO and consider undertaking an annual joint assessment of China's compliance record, in conjunction with China's other major trade partners if possible, that could serve as an alternative mechanism for measuring and improving China's compliance shortfalls.
- —U.S. and EU officials should engage with each other to evaluate China's progress toward meeting U.S. and EU criteria for market economy status with the goal of arriving at a consistent analysis that ensures that China will have taken concrete and irreversible steps to earn market economy status before the benefits of such status are conferred.
- —U.S., EU, and Japanese officials should develop coordinated responses to shared security concerns. Among the issues that should be considered is the EU's arms embargo on China, a major concern of both Japan and the United States. 180

# Chinese Activity in Global Capital Markets

- The Commission recommends that Congress encourage the Administration to use Executive Order 13382 to freeze the assets of Chinese firms involved in WMD or missile-related proliferation, or Chinese companies or financial institutions that may be assisting or lending to such proliferators. Congress also should encourage the Administration to expand the provisions of Executive Order 13382 so the U.S. property of a parent company can be frozen if the parent knows or has reason to know about the proliferation activities undertaken by its subsidiaries, or so the U.S. property of financial institutions can be frozen if they know or have reason to know of the involvement of their lending customers in proliferation activities.
- The Commission recommends that Congress urge the Securities and Exchange Commission to work directly with its regulatory counterparts in other nations as well as through the International Organization of Securities Commissions to press for the harmonization and independent and robust enforcement of securities laws, especially as they relate to corporate governance and reporting, transparency, and disclosure requirements.
- The Commission reiterates the recommendation in its 2004 Annual Report that Congress reinstate the provision of the 2003 Intelligence Authorization Act (P.L. 107–306, Sec 827) directing the Director of Central Intelligence to prepare an annual report identifying Chinese or other foreign companies engaged in proliferation of weapons of mass destruction or their delivery systems that have raised, or attempted to raise, funds in U.S. capital markets.
- The Commission recommends that Congress instruct the Securities and Exchange Commission to notify the National Security Council (NSC) when any Chinese firm seeks to list on a U.S. capital market, and urge the NSC upon receipt of such a notification to consider carefully all relevant intelligence and determine if the

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